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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Original) A seatbelt pretensioner disposal method for a seatbelt pretensioner and attachments thereof, wherein the seatbelt pretensioner, which contains an explosive component, and the attachments thereof, are subjected to thermal treatment at a temperature that is equal to or higher than an ignition point of the explosive component.
- 2. (Original) A seatbelt pretensioner disposal method for a seatbelt pretensioner and attachments thereof, wherein the seatbelt pretensioner, which contains an explosive component, is subjected to thermal treatment at a temperature that is equal to or higher than an ignition point of the explosive component after removing the attachments.
- 3. (Original) A seatbelt pretensioner disposal method for a seatbelt pretensioner and attachments thereof, wherein only a part containing an explosive component is removed from the seatbelt pretensioner, and this part is subjected to thermal treatment at a temperature that is equal to or higher than an ignition point of the explosive component.

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4. (Currently amended) The seatbelt pretensioner disposal method according to any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1, wherein valuable resources, including metals, are separated and recovered from combustion residue produced by the thermal treatment.

- 5. (Currently amended) The seatbelt pretensioner disposal method according to any one of claims 1 to 4 claim 1, wherein the removed attachments and/or the seatbelt pretensioner that remains after removal of the part containing the explosive component are further dismantled, whereby plastics and metals are separated and recovered according to type.
- 6. (Currently amended) The seatbelt pretensioner disposal method according to any one of claims 1 to 5 claim 1, wherein processing prior to the thermal treatment or storage of the seatbelt pretensioner prior to the thermal treatment is performed in an indoor facility comprising a lightning conductor.
- 7. (Currently amended) The seatbelt pretensioner disposal method according to any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1, wherein the seatbelt pretensioner is treated using thermally treating 5 CG/smt

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equipment comprising a thermally treating tower, a seatbelt pretensioner introducing port for introducing the seatbelt pretensioner into the thermally treating tower, a heating device disposed in the interior of the thermally treating tower, and a cooling device for cooling gas that is discharged from the thermally treating tower.

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